



Hand Delivery of Rabies Suspect to ISDH Rabies Laboratories

The Indiana State Health Department (ISDH) Rabies Laboratory is located at 550 West 16th Street, Suite B Indianapolis, IN 46202. This is just west of I-65 on W. 16th Street on the above map.

Rabies suspects may be hand delivered to Room N189 at the above address during normal business hours 8:30AM to 4:30 PM, Indianapolis time, Monday thru Friday. Emergency deliveries may be arranged by phoning the Laboratory at 317.921.5500 and requesting either Tom Cronau or Lixia Liu. Personal delivery after hours, weekends, or holidays if emergency call the after hours emergency duty officer at 317.233.1329. Rabies suspects must be properly packaged with the necessary laboratory request forms completed when delivered. Please consult the instructions on the back of the submission forms or contact the ISDH Laboratory for additional information.

When shipping suspects, the best method to use is UPS. Avoid sending if the suspect will arrive on a weekend or holiday. Freeze or refrigerate specimen at origin until shipping/arrival date would be Monday thru Friday. Freeze the specimens only if they must be held more than 48 hours prior to shipping.

Positive test results are reported on the day the test is completed by calling the individual designated on the submission form. Negative results are mailed to the identified submitter in 1-2 days after the test is completed. The appropriate staff at the local county health department, the ISDH, and the Indiana Board of Animal Health is promptly notified of all positive results by e-mail and/or fax.